

Provider Bulletin: Emergency Room Auto-Pay List Update

Purpose:

This bulletin is to notify all in-network Hospitals of changes to remove specific diagnosis codes from the Emergency Room Auto-Pay List effective for dates of service incurred on or after **August 10, 2026**.

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Actions to take:

- Review the Emergency Room Auto-Pay List update below.
- Inform appropriate hospital and billing staff of the changes to the Emergency Room Auto-Pay list.
- Hospitals should review internal billing and coding practices to ensure accurate submission of claims and to minimize processing delays.
- Emergency room claims containing the affected diagnosis codes will no longer be automatically approved for payment.

The diagnosis codes below **will be removed** from the Emergency Room Auto-Pay list **effective for dates of service incurred on or after August 10, 2026**

Review Category	Dx Codes for Removal
Uncomplicated / chronic hypertension	I10, I11.9
Dehydration / electrolyte imbalance	E86.0, E86.1, E86.9, E87.6
Asthma / COPD / bronchospasm	J45.909, J45.901, J45.20, J44.1, J44.9, J98.01
Gout / chronic gout	M10.9, M10 family, M1A family
Cellulitis / skin infection	L03.119, L03.211, L03.317, L03.319, L03.90
Migraine / headache	G43 family, G44.319
Diabetes without acute crisis	E10.9, E11.9, E13.9, uncomplicated/chronic diabetes codes
GI symptoms / GI bleeding-related diagnoses	A08.39, R10.84



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Pregnancy-related symptoms	O21.9, O26.891, O98.811
Ovarian cyst / gynecologic symptoms	N83.20
Eye complaints / conjunctivitis / corneal injury	H10.9, H57.12, S05.00XA
Rash / nonspecific sensory symptoms	R21, R20.0
Allergy-related diagnosis	T78.40XA
Minor injuries, contusions, sprains	S00.83XA, S20.219A, S30.0XXA, S30.1XXA, S60.222A, S63.502A, S69.92XA, S89.92XA, S93.401A
Open wounds / lacerations	S01.00XA, S01.501A, S01.80XA, S51.809A, S61.209A, S61.409A, S81.809A, S91.309A
Fractures / thoracic injury	S29.9XXA

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Respectfully,

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